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HB 3458 RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Statement for
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HB 3458 would amend HRS Chapter 342-19 to allow counties to set their own laws, ordinances and rules on the design, construction, and operation of sewerage and treatment facilities as long as they have adequate authority to administer their program, and its provisions are not less stringent than those of the Department of Health.

Our statement on this bill does not represent and institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

HRS Chapter 342-19 that would be amended by HB 3458 already permits counties to adopt ordinances and rules governing matters relating to environmental quality control. The need for expansion and amendment is not clear. It would appear to add another layer of rules without commensurate benefits.